

TOGETHER IN FAITH



Saved by Christ, Connected by Love, Called to Care



“THROUGH ISRAEL'S HISTORY: JOSHUA”

“The beginning of a series looking at significant events and people in Israel’s history, from the time of the conquest until the Messiah. The message today will focus on Joshua’s commission, Israel crossing into the Promised Land, and God’s call for the people to forsake their gods and follow solely over the LORD.”

This Week at SCC

October 4th:

- AA Meeting, 8:00 PM
- SCC Overtime, following the SHS Varsity Football Game

October 5th:

- Men’s Breakfast, 8:00 AM

October 6th:

- Buildings and Grounds Commission Meeting, following the service
- Join us for cake to celebrate the baptism of Shorty Schaefer following the service
- Crop Hunger Walk, 1:30-2:30 PM

October 8th:

- Council Meeting, 6:00 PM

October 9th:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM
- Praise Team Practice, 6:00 PM

October 10th:

- Women’s Life Group, 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th VOLUNTEERS

Lay Leader: Virgil Biggs (Natalie Bush, Lord’s Supper)

Reader: Kim Coulson

Praise Team: Nancy Downs, Bob Krieger

Singers: Melody, Terri Powers, Jim Lóser, (Georgie Dotson & Abbie Hice)

Tech Team: Dave Washburn, Lynn Kaufman, Bruce Chadwick

Ushers: Harvey Flanagan & Robert Williams (Kelcee Rosenberger, Jacob Bush, Taylor Spitzley, Dale Hice III)

Greeters: Family of Carter & Dawson Downs and Family of Joshua & Micah Tews

Communion Preparation: Mary Williams

Nursery: Sarah Downs

Sunday Service

“Seasons of Love”

Pastor Ethan Tews

6 October 2024

10:00am

Readings:

- Luke 4:14-21
- Joshua 1:1-9

Music Selections:

- “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”
- “Jesus, Strong and Kind”
- “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Bible Studies

Sundays:

- Men’s Bible Study, 8:30 AM

Wednesdays:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Thursdays:

- Women’s Life Group, 6:00 PM

Ongoing Prayers



Cancer:

Dan Bowers
Pam Briest
Paula DeYoung
Brad Edwards
Chris, Pastor Tews' mother
Jim Plotts
Craig Schiller
Lenny Venneman
Stephanie Voland

Medical Needs:

Kelley Becker	Valerie Emelander	Gracia Tichelaar
Virgil Biggs	Kevin Hielman	Karen Taylor
Sawyer & Daxton Blain	Stan Hagemeyer	Patsy Veenstra
Catherine Cove	Nancy Justice	Stephanie Voland
Emma Dawson	Christopher Piché	Carol Washburn
David Downs	Sharon Ross	Dave Washburn
"Micki" (4-year old with leukemia)	David Seymour	Randyne Westbrook
Mela Dotson	Jess Spychiger	Colin Williams
	Harvey & Estelle Stark	Scott Zeeryp

UPDATES: This list reflects current needs that we are aware of. Please contact the office if your name (or the name of your loved one/friend) should be on the list. Also let us know if names can be removed. (We will need permission prior to posting any prayer requests.) THANK YOU!



Military Friends

Riley Bedard	Tyler Johnson	Brian Swiger
Zach Bevington	Ben Littlejohn	Conor Talcott
Kristin Carl	Andy Lytle	Cody Westbrook
Jasmine Chadwick	Ian Manion	Robert Westover
Kameron Conroe	Trey Matthews	Jim Whittum
Alec Doll	Charlie Miller	Jayne Wilson
Tyler Gorby	Patrick Miller	Bryant Zander
Landon Hall	Maverick Musser	
Audra Hawkins	Jon Powers	
Kyle Hill	Richie Sands	
Levi Jackson	Mitchell Simmons	
Jared Johnson	Ryan Sweet	

Current Events

Women's Life Group:
"Now that Faith has Come"
 ~A 7- week Bible study on Galatians



September 12-October 24, 2024
 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 McCarty Room



Happy Birthday!

October

9th	Tracie Wright
10th	Holly Bandfield
22nd	Connie Biggs Michael Wright
27th	Bill Hecht

Childcare provided!

SCC Overtime!

For all Senior High Students

Free pizza, beverages, and fresh encouragement!



Fridays following the Varsity Game
 Sept 6th, 27th,
 Oct 4th (Homecoming), & 18th



Sponsored by Saranac Community Church

Buildings & Grounds Commission Meeting Oct 6th after church!

Council Meeting, Sept 8th at 6:00 PM

The USA Crop Hunger Walk is in its 55th year of active walker participation.

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

43rd Annual Ionia Area Crop Hunger Walk

25% of all monies collected are returned back to community food pantries:
 Zion Food Pantry
 IM kids 3rd meal
 Saranac/Clarksville Food Pantry
 Ionia Commission on Aging

Contribute on-line to Team: SCC 2024

crophungerwalk.org

To donate on-line visit Crophungerwalk.org/search/ioniaareacrophungerwalk

Walk Date: Sunday Oct. 6th

Walk start time: registration@ 1:30PM start time 2PM

Walk start location:
 First Christian Church parking lot
 130 East Washington St.
 Ionia, Mi.



**Men's Breakfast
 Saturday, Oct. 5th at 8:00 AM**

Upcoming Events

NEW

For those interested in becoming a member of Saranac Community Church, Sign up sheet at the Welcome Center. More details to follow soon!!



If you have questions about joining the church, feel free to contact Pastor Ethan Tews or Lynn Kaufman (Chair of Christian Formation Commission). Dates will be scheduled soon, so don't miss out on this opportunity!



Women of Worship (WOW)
"Getting to Know You!"
Saturday, Oct 12th at 11:00 AM

SARANAC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU

SARANAC
Harvest
FESTIVAL

Christian Formation will be hosting a "Trunk & Treat" Oct 26th 2:00-5:00 PM!

WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY, SO WE'RE PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Pray & Go
PRAYER WALK

See Bart Denny for information about how you can help!

Prayer & Go... Walking and praying around Saranac is one of the easiest ways to commit to pray for other people and it's NOT too late to join us. Please see Bart Denny for information about how you can help!

Let's honor our leaders

OCTOBER IS PASTORAL APPRECIATION MONTH!

and show our appreciation!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Any contributions/gift cards can be sent to the Church Office where we will consolidate into one gift, otherwise feel free to send a card or make other arrangements as desired.



See Virgil Biggs at the Welcome Center for more Information & registration! Scholarships are available!

OCT 11-13, 2024

MEN'S RETREAT

WORSHIP
BONFIRE
ROPES COURSE
CANOEING/KAYAKING

PORTAGELAKE.ORG/MENS-RETREAT/

SPEAKER
HARVEY CAREY

NOV 15-17, 2024
GRADES 3RD-5TH

TRAILBLAZERS RETREAT

REAL FUN, REAL FAITH, REAL FRIENDSHIP

REGISTER WITH YOUR YOUTH LEADER!

PORTAGE LAKE BIBLE CAMP
4158 Camp Delight Road
Onekama, MI 49675
PORTAGELAKE.ORG
(231) 889-5911

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT

GET READY FOR AN ACTION-PACKED RETREAT! EXPERIENCE THRILLING GAMES, AWESOME OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, AND MEANINGFUL WORSHIP SESSIONS IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU'LL GROW IN FAITH AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND!

NOV 8-10, 2024 | 4158 CAMP DELIGHT ROAD, ONEKAMA, MI 49675

REGISTER WITH YOUR YOUTH LEADER

FOR MORE INFO: CALL (231) 889-5911 OR GO TO PORTAGELAKE.ORG/JR-HIGH-RETREAT/

Portage Lake Bible Camp, Onekama MI, 49675

SLEIGHBELL Retreat

Christmas Parade	\$120: 13+	Tree Decorating
Caroling	\$75: 3-12	Crafts/Activities
	FREE: 2 & Under	

DECEMBER 6 - 8, 2024

SIGN UP AT PORTAGELAKE.ORG OR CALL (231) 889-5911

SUPPORT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

FIRST COVENANT CHURCH
1933 Tremont BLVD. NW
Grand Rapids, MI

REGISTER AT PORTAGELAKE.ORG
CALL OUR OFFICE AT 231-889-5911

NOVEMBER 2 2024
PLCBC Gala

Register for any camp opportunities by clicking [HERE](https://portagelake.org/fall-2024/) (https://portagelake.org/fall-2024/).

Opportunities **TO SERVE**

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Sign up at the Welcome Center!!



Meals Ministry

Handy in the kitchen? Volunteers needed to prep and deliver meals to designated homes (e.g., new baby, death in the family, etc.). Everything you need to know is provided!
Sign-up in Narthex.



2024 Advent Devotional

Looking for inspired writers for this year's devotional. Anyone, middle school aged on up, can write one! Once you sign up, Jim Lóser will contact you with a verse and directions for writing your devotional. Please sign up at the Welcome Center; samples of previous year's devotions can be found here as well. If you have any questions, please see Jim Lóser (616-642-6322 or churchoffice@saranacchurch.org).



Thank you to all the young congregants who will be helping the adults for Communion Sunday this week!

- Natalie Bush will be leading us in the Lord's Prayer
- Georgie Dotson & Abbie Hice will be singing on Praise Team
- Kelcee Rosenberger, Jacob Bush, Taylor Spitzley, and Dale Hice III will be helping with ushering
- Carter & Dawson Downs and Joshua & Micha Tews will be helping greet people



DON'T MISS OUT!

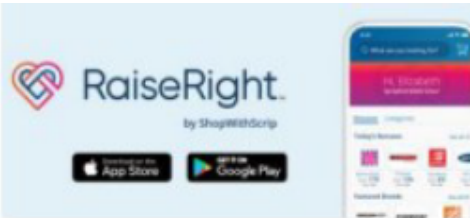


Get Your SCC T-Shirt!

For just \$10.00 each, you can get your Saranac Community Church T-shirt! Order date has been extended to **October 10th!** Shirts will be available in the following fashionable colors:

- Red with white logo
- Blue with white logo
- Light Gray with black logo

Contact the church office (616-642-6322 or churchoffice@saranacchurch.org) to place your order!



NEW!! Shop online through RaiseRight's web site and earn rebates. No debit/gift cards needed at many of their participating retailers. You can also combine rebates by paying with a scrip debit card. Check out their web site for details.

Using RaiseRight scrip debit cards makes you less vulnerable to identity theft. They also make a great virtual envelope system if you are following a Dave Ramsey type budgeting plan.

Begin earning rebates for the 2025 camp season, UNITE, Mission Trips etc. Due date for our next RaiseRight scrip gift/debit card order is **Sunday, October 13th**, which will be available October 17th at the church office. Delivery of cards can also be arranged. Contact Mark with your order or order online by visiting www.raiseright.com. Contact the Scrip coordinator if you need Saranac Community Church's enrollment code. It is very easy to do this and your order is automatically sent to our church scrip coordinator. You may also bring your payment to church or pay online for a small 29¢ fee. Remember, you can reload or print many cards at **any time** during the month if you enroll in PrestoPay. Use the RaiseRight scrip phone app to make ordering easier. Scrip also now offers the option of having select gift cards shipped directly to you any time during the month for an additional fee. **There are usually a limited number of Meijer and Speedway scrip cards available for purchase in the church office as well.** If you have any questions on how this program works please contact Scrip Coordinator Mark Fritsma (MarkF@wowway.com). **Earn rebates to reduce the cost of sending SCC kids to Portage Lake, Branch Adventures or a similar camp. You can still participate and help build the scholarship fund even if you do not have a camp aged child. We also consider scholarship requests for church related functions, such as retreats and mission trips, from adults as well.** Due date for next month's order is November 10th.

PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED!

One way we can stay Connected by Love is thru prayer! As James 5:16 says
“...confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”



This Week's Prayer Needs

Glenn Gage, Pastor Ethan's mother (Chris), Sharon Ross,
Keith Simmons, Craig Schiller (Jan Renwick's brother)
Gracia Tichelaar, Patsy Veenstra, Todd Rosenberger's co-worker
Robert Shepherd, Laura Reffitt's son, Jarred, and girls
Brent (friend of Pastor Ethan), Jim & Lulu Plotts
Peace for the USA, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, & the Middle East

(If prayers have been answered and therefore someone needs to be removed from this list above, please let the office know.)

Special People of the Week: Bob & Heather Hemmingsen

SCC Leaders of the Week: Sharon Darby, Chair of Pastoral Relations Commission

Community Group of the Week: CROP Walk Ionia County and Church World Service for the financial support of our Food Pantry

Government and Military Friends around the world

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SCC

October 13th:

- RaiseRight (aka, SCRIP) orders due

October 16th:

- Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 AM

October 17th:

- Food Pantry, 2:00-4:00 PM
- Women's Life Group, 6:00 PM

October 18th:

- SCC Overtime, following the SHS Varsity Game (last one)

If you are NOT receiving weekly announcements and/or prayer chain information and would like to, please complete the form located in the church office or contact Jim Lóser at the email or phone number listed under "Contact Information."



Contact Information

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